

COUNTY VOTER TALKS

HE STILL HAS AN OPINION OF CLERK EDWARDS.

And Replies to That Official's Late Letter and Jabs His Pen Into Other County Matters.

Barrie, Oct. 3.—(To the Editor): In your issue of Thursday last, Dr. Edwards, the county clerk, made a weak attempt to explain his extraordinary conduct of holding on to the clerkship whilst tramping around the county seeking to gratify his abnormal political appetite, and is making speeches full of that bitter invective common to his platform utterances and insulting in the extreme to those who do not agree with him. Their rights and principles should be respected, at least to the extent of not being compelled to be the servant of the people regardless of political creed or party. I do not object to his inclination for political activity, but I insist that propriety demands that one thoroughly saturated with selfish aggrandizement and emoluments of office should surrender his position as county clerk, regardless of the pressing need and persuasion of the warden and the county council.

The guileless doctor wants us to believe that he was anxious to resign last June, but it was deemed "in the best interests of the county" for him to remain in office. That is, I suppose, it was deemed advisable by his few friends that he should remain in the county clerk's office, until after October 26th, to see which way the political cat would jump in the county of Frontenac on that day and date. Experience had made Dr. Edwards exceedingly careful in the present. He wants to go to Ottawa worse than Barriefield needs a new bridge, but county conditions just now spell danger and defeat, so the Foxy County Quiller hangs on with the tenacity of despair.

Dr. Edwards reminds me that the votes on the 26th "will settle the matter." That's true, Mr. Editor. It is one thing to woo the county council and land a surrogacy, and another thing altogether to blindfold a whole county and capture a seat in parliament. It is one thing to capture an increase in salary; another thing to find wool enough in the entire county to blind the voters into giving the same man a position worth \$2,500 a year with a seat in the dominion parliament. The farmer is a hard-headed thinker and not as susceptible to the political game as some people suspect. I am assured by your correspondent that his course has been open and above board, in connection with the appointment of his successor, and I must confess that it has been very "open" indeed. So "open" that it embraces everybody. And as to it being above board, I am at a loss to know just what he means, for he has the knack of saying a thing susceptible to more than one interpretation. Impulsiveness is one of the doctor's numerous weaknesses, and he has been a little hasty in changing the provision for the liquidation of pressing indebtedness of \$11,500. It is thought likely that those who received bonus stock with their bonds will have to come forward and pay up.

Milton Crozier, a son of Thomas Crozier, who is in custody at Oakville, Ont., charged with passing counterfeit money, had some on him when arrested. Young Crozier accompanied his father, on fair day, and is supposed to have passed some of the bogus bills. A wholesale shake-up of New York Central officials is pending. President Newman is to retire and be succeeded by Charles F. Daly, now vice-president. S. R. Payne, general superintendent of the Western division, with headquarters at Syracuse, will be promoted to assistant general manager of the Boston & Albany R.R.

Barrie is Proud. Barrie, Oct. 5.—The village is in danger of losing its post office, as Mr. Byrnes, the present postmaster, is giving it up and no one seems inclined to take the office with so much responsibility and so small a salary. In the wind storm a week ago part of a large barn owned by Mrs. Ryan had the end torn off. W. Tomer is putting a cement walk and a handsome veranda around his new house. Marie people come to Barrie to paint houses or purchase land to build on. The government land blocks them all out. Barrie is one of the healthiest places in Canada, the air is so invigorating, the children live in it, and never need a doctor unless for an accident. The campers do not like to leave it. Mr. Rieky has been mending the stone crusher outfit. Miss Bella Hutton has returned to Watertown after spending several weeks at the home of Miss Maggie Byrnes in Rochester. Mrs. Hunter, Cusheindall, spent a week visiting her mother, Mrs. Norman, and left on Saturday for home.

Morven Notes. Morven, Oct. 5.—Plothing is the order of the day. E. M. Smith went to Boston to his son's. The White church has been improved by a new platform. Frost has been doing some damage here. It still keeps dry and farmers find it hard to get their ploughing done. Mrs. K. Young is improving nicely. Farmers are traveling in their cars. W. Davis is going to move to Oswego, N.Y. The annual convention will be held at Sillsville, and quite a few people from here are going to attend. Dr. Edwards went to Sharbot Lake today.

WENT UP IN FLAMES

THE DISASTROUS FIRE AT NEWBURGH.

A Complete Story of the Early Morning's Events—The Napanee Fire Brigade Did Good Service.

Newburgh, Oct. 3.—It was a rude awakening our village had, at four o'clock this morning. The dreaded cry of fire was the signal, and scores of citizens were soon rushing to Main street, and right to the heart of the village, where flames were seen issuing from the upper windows of the Percy hall. The fire had first been seen by Vincent McNeill and Bernard Kennedy, on their return from a dance at Odessa, and these two gave the alarm. The rest of the story is a chapter of loss and disaster, constituting together a tragedy which will be remembered for many a year.

The fire of this morning made very rapid work of the building so long known as the Percy hall, which was owned by George M. Walker, the upper floor being used as a public hall, and the lower floor occupied by the post office and the fine new grocery and meat-stall of Mr. Walker. This had just recently been fitted in modern style, with magnificent stained glass front. Mr. Walker, on entering, had but time to remove one show-case when the smoke and flames burst into it from an opening above, and in a few minutes it was a seething furnace. Not a breath of wind was stirring, and it was thought quite possible to save C. H. Finkle's building, adjoining Walker's, and protected by a heavy fire-wall and with galvanized roof, occupied by M. Ryan & Son as a grocery and hardware store below, and used as a large public hall above. Men were soon on this high roof and using to best advantage the buckets of water passed up by the brigade that had been formed. In some way, however, the flames gained entrance under the roof and attacked the inside wall of the hall above. With smoke belching now from the farther side of the hall, all efforts to save the building were seen to be vain, and attention was turned to the Ryan stock, a part of which was successfully removed. Smoke soon put an end to these efforts, and the building was in turn resigned to the flames.

Next to this is the residence and tinshop of Charles Wellbanks, and no braver fight could have been imagined than the successful struggle made to save this home. The fire had intervened between it and Ryan's. The windows and casings were protected by suspended pieces of tin and hundreds of pails of water used. Men with steaming clothes and well-nigh blistered faces watched the attack made by the fire while others worked the entire contents. There was great rejoicing at the event of fight as Mr. Wellbanks carried no insurance. In the meantime the Napanee fire brigade had been telegraphed for and after considerable delay, occasioned by the necessity of sending to Deseronto for a special train, the engine driver arrived about 7.30, too late to render any assistance. Further danger was now thought to be past, and the brigade returned to Napanee. The fire trouble, however, had but begun. At 8.30 a blaze was discovered in Finkle's workshop, east of Main street, south of the first fire. This was soon extinguished, but half an hour later from the back of the building, which was entirely of wood, and very easy victim to a fire, arose fresh flames, and the Napanee brigade was recalled. This building which spanned the north branch of the river was completely gutted, and had it not been for the return of the fire-truck from Napanee, the whole western and southern portions of the village would have been wiped out. Even as it was there were still others to suffer. Directly east of the Finkle shop were the paint shop, wood shop and blacksmith shop of James Farley, and these could not be saved. Across the side street is the Presbyterian church and it was only by almost superhuman efforts that this edifice was saved. The spire was only damaged, and the interior also much injured by water in fighting flames which had pierced the roof. The plaster over a large part of the church was destroyed, and probably a thousand dollars damage brought. Beyond the church, the residence of Mrs. Hugh Kelly, owned by Mrs. Gibson, was the next place for the attack of the fiery element, and it was soon in ruins despite the utmost efforts of volunteers, while the engine was playing on the church. By this time the wind had shifted considerably and there were many incipient fires. Mrs. Loughheed's house was twice on fire, and the Bay of Quinte lumber sheds twice.

The climax of the day's disaster was the burning of the beautiful home of Rev. J. H. Chant, supernumerary Methodist minister, which stood far to the east somewhat to the north, and was not thought to be within the danger area. Mr. Chant was bravely assisting his neighbor in the town, when news spread of his own danger. Flying cinders had ignited the roof and on discovering this, Mrs. Chant who was alone was powerless to stem it. This beautifully situated home was completely demolished, but most of the contents were saved. A number of workers. No other buildings were attacked, but the fire brigade spent the afternoon playing upon the embankment and burning areas of the ground.

Two high commendation can scarcely be given the members of the Napanee fire brigade who, to the number of twenty-two, under the able command of Captain Vanalstine and Lieut. Vanalstine, heroically fought to conquer the flames which threatened fire friend. Without any doubt, the presence of these faithful men saved Newburgh from irretrievable loss. Newburgh deeply appreciates her obligation to the brigade and will be glad to add to her gratitude a suitable honorarium. Mayor Ming accompanied the fire ladders, and throughout the day rendered valuable counsel and direction. Reeve Ryan of Newburgh, one of the first sufferers, and the other members of the council were also active throughout the day.

From among so many noble workers in our own volunteer brigade, in the early stages of the fire it might be not very likely. Mr. Walker, with insurance of \$1,400, will lose over \$500; Mrs. A. Madden, post-mistress, suffers little loss as all cash, stamps, etc., had as usual been removed at night and preparations had been completed for removal to the new office further up street next week. Uncalled for mail constitutes the greatest loss here. Mr. Ryan carried a \$6,500 dollar stock of groceries, sugar, hardware, paints, oils and flour by the carload, and carried insurance of \$4,300, made up \$2,000 in the Merchants; \$2,000 in the Anglo-American; and \$300 in the Traders' Insurance company. Mr. Finkle carried \$1,500 on the stone building and \$2,000 on the wood shop which will hardly cover his loss. Mr. Chant carried \$700 on his house, which will not cover his loss, which includes a winter's supply of coal in the cellar. Mrs. Kelly loses part of the contents of her cellar, considerable clothing and some furniture, and the Presbyterian church suffered as stated above. Mr. Farley's loss is only partially covered by insurance.

The members will not have ceased to smoke when on Monday morning Mr. Ryan will commence building operations to replace his loss. He proposes to enlarge and add a story to the building he now uses as a feed storehouse on Main street, and use it also for groceries and hardware. This action is characteristic of the keen business enterprise of Ryan & Son, and they will soon have again as formerly two completely furnished stores with even increased facilities for handling their large trade. Mr. Chant and Mr. Walker will likely rebuild at once. Mr. Finkle's intentions are unknown. Newburgh considers that she has now had her share of fire devastation and is at last aroused to the necessity for adequate fire protection of her own. The village council will be urged to provide proper facilities for such protection, to which it is believed the amount is very favorable.

The origin of the day's fire is a complete mystery, but rumors of an incendiary origin are very persistent and doubtless an investigation will be made.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

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Table with columns: Stocks, Opening, Close. Includes Amalgamated Copper, American Locomotive, Am. Smeltg. & Refin. Co., etc.

Chicago Prices.

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BASEBALL ON SUNDAY.

The Way the Big Leagues Are Finishing Up. National League—Chicago, 5; Pittsburgh, 2; Cincinnati, 5; St. Louis, 1. American League—Chicago, 3; Detroit, 1; St. Louis, 3; Cleveland, 3.

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